

SALE OF RAILROAD ADDS CHAPTER TO ROMANTIC HISTORY

Denver & Rio Grande Founded
in 1871 as Dream of
W. J. Palmer.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 25.—Sale of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad to the highest bidder by order of the United States circuit court of appeals marks the close of a tumultuous chapter in the history of the road founded by Gen. William J. Palmer in 1871.

Millions of dollars a year in wages were paid annually in the prosperous period of the road's history and other millions were used in numerous efforts of various financial interests to gain control of the railroad. From the time the Jay Gould interests caused the retirement of Gen. Palmer from the road in 1882, it was the object of financial campaigns of rival interests until the receivership caused by default of the road in payment of Western Pacific railroad bonds in 1918, bond payments having been guaranteed by the Denver & Rio Grande.

The bond issue was for \$50,000,000 and when the Equitable Trust Co. of New York brought suit and obtained judgment in 1918, this had been reduced to a little more than \$36,000,000—the amount of the judgment. On Jan. 25, of that year Edward L. Brown, president of the road, and Alexander R. Baldwin, vice-president of the Western Pacific, were named receivers by Judge Walter L. Sanborn, of the United States circuit court of appeals. A month later Brown was named sole receiver to comply with regulations of the United States railroad administration during the war. He was delegated agent of the administration.

Was Palmer's Dream.

Hearings were held before a United States master in chancery and on Sept. 25, 1920, an order was signed by Judge Sanborn for the sale of the road, over the protest of a stockholders' committee who asked postponement for a month. The road was advertised for sale for 30 days and Nov. 20 set as the date of sale.

The road was built originally as part of Palmer's dream of a line running from Denver to El Paso. Development of the mining enterprises in the western part of the state resulted in a change in the direction of the line. Development and extension of branch lines westward into the mining communities became a part of the contest between the road and the Union Pacific for control of the Rocky mountain territory, the latter road already having an advantage in the north-

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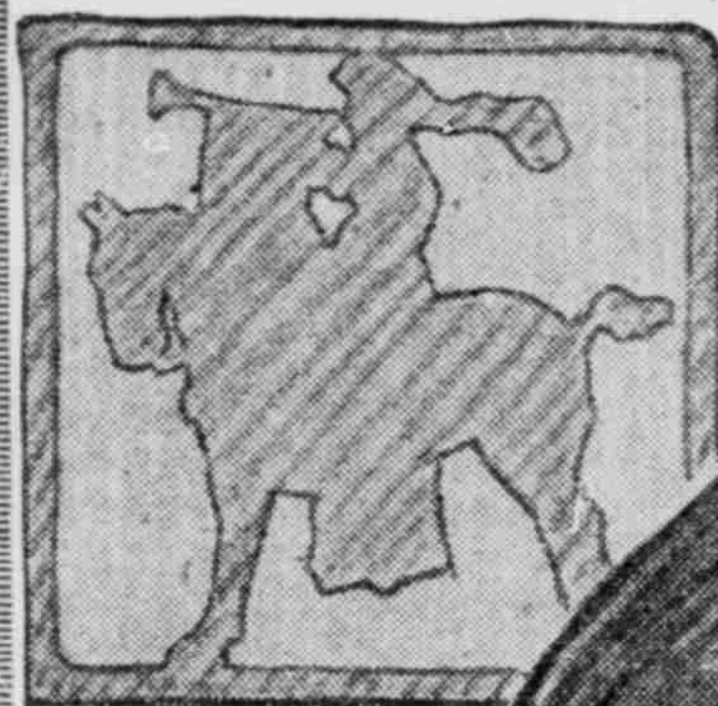
IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN QUALITY OF RAILS

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—A great improvement in rails now in use in the United States is reported by the American Railway Engineering association. Some years ago the number of rails that failed to give normal service or broke under moving trains became alarmingly large, the worst condition being reached about 1905. This led to investigation by the American Railway association and later by the Railway Engineering association.

"A drop in the rail failures from almost 400 per 100 track miles for five years' service in 1908 rails to 74 in the 1914 rails is a decrease of over 80 per cent," writes M. H. Wickhorst, engineer of tests of the engineering association's rail committee in his report just issued here. "We may well feel elated about the result."

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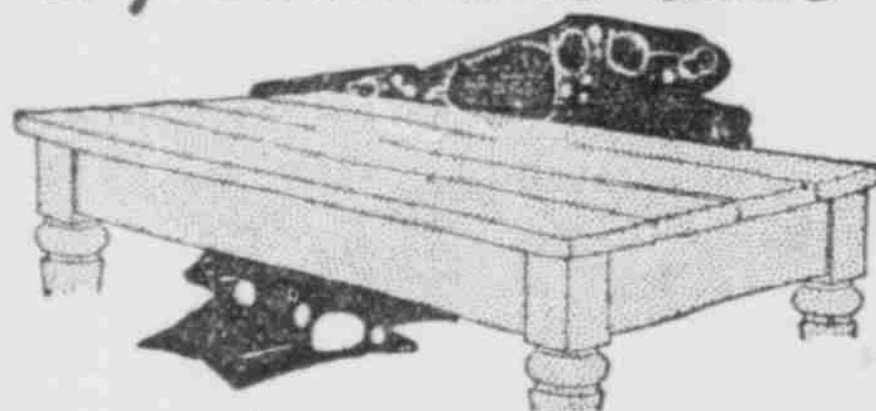
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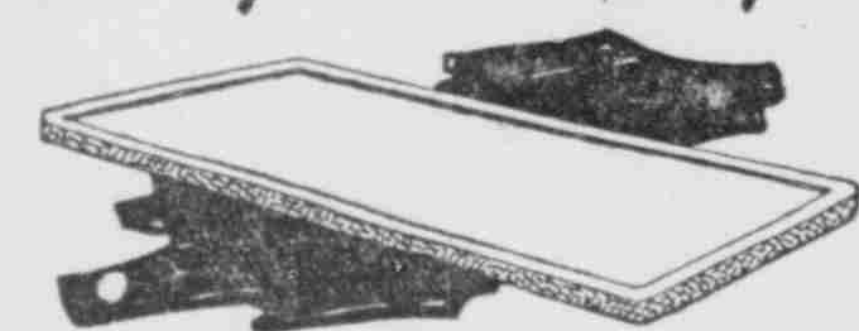
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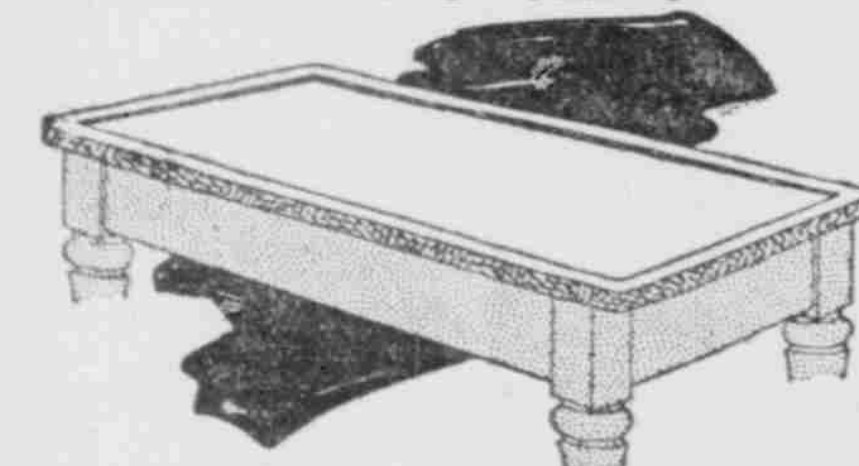
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